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I would like to voice my discontent and even alarm at the proposed settlement in the Microsoft anti-trust case. The proposed settlement does little to effectively end the strongarming of other by Microsoft.

Their proposed settlement (with the States Attorneys General, I believe) of donating software "for the children" only goes to show the lack of regard they have for the process, and goes a long way toward revealing the corporate mentality of Microsoft: dominance at any cost.

Their history is replete with examples of shulduggery (e.g., DR-DOS, exclusivity agreements with PC makers), their current actions show no signs of changing, and the proposed settlement does nothing but maintain the status quo. The terms are often vague, and rarely have enough teeth in them to affect an adequate solution to the problem. I would strongly urge, perhaps, a structural remedy, or, at the very least, a much stronger settlement that would offer MS fewer holes to slink through, as the consent decree proves they most certainly will, if given the chance.

We have before us an historic opportunity to put to rest a huge market inequity. Let us stay the course and do this right. Return fair competition back to the computer industry, lest it spread to other markets (e.g., X-Box, WebTV, .Net/Passport/Wallet). Make Microsoft a number of Baby Bills. Make them play fair.

Thank you for your time.

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Sin is real, it doesn't feel. It always, only always, steals. Run to the cross the only joy that's real